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Hindoo Domestic Life.

ESTABLISHED IN 1848.

If Connecticut is the land of wooden

serted on the cans to be choice olive oil.

"No admittance" it notified at the en-

the several wharves where the factories

are erected. They are carried in bas-

kets into a large room provided with

girls from ten to fifteen years are wait-

A single cut removes the head and from

the greater part of the "innards." The

lishment frequently amount to several

hogsheads a day. These parts are boiled

ly packed in wooden boxes for shipment.

put up in oval tin boxes and are called

Death Warnings.

Superstitions associated with the last

stage of life, says a recent English pub-

lication, are very numerous. Every

incident out of the common course o

natural events is seized upon by the

superstitious as a death warning. The

howling of a dog at night is the sign of

approaching death. An ox or a cow

breaking into a garden is an ill omen,

and it is still a saying when a person is

dangerously ill and not likely to recov-

crowing of the cock, also, at the dead

of night is regarded as equally ominous.

There is a popular idea prevalent in

build a house is always fatal to one

told how the household clock has been

known to depart from its custo-

mary precision in order to warn its

owner of approaching death by striking

thirteen. From a very early period

period which precedes death. Again,

the interval between death and burial

has generally been associated with

tom of placing a plate of salt upon the

breast, the reason being, no doubt, to

prevent the boddy swelling; although

there is a belief that it acts as a charm

against any attempt on the part of evil

spirits to disturb the body. In the

north of England it was customary.

only a few years ago, to carry "the dead with the sun" to the grave, a

er,

is the hovering of

"The black ox has trampled upon

THE BLACK ROBE.

BY WILKIE COLLINS.

-AUTHOR OF-

post of housekeeper in Lady Loring's service, she was accurately described as 'a competent and respectable person;' and was praised, with perfect truth, for her incorruptible devotion to the interests of her employers. On its weaker side her character was repre-sented by the a youthful

> direction ophose attention day which folto Romayne, nking his coffee om-to all apase as if he had rom the remote A new contribur's little library ay on the table, ss to the means by

fee to your liking,

sugar if you please. was proud of her hand, f the meritorious details She took up the sugarsuavity and grace; she sugar into the cup, with a good of you, Father, to honor way," she said with the ap-

of all kinds. On this occasion

ernoon," he said. "I hope I

swered. "To-day they have

il length. Ignorant of this country-seat which I happen to have r. He inquired, with court-

they are beneath your the whole responsibility of is company, as there is this e responsibility is particuto a timid person like my-

ar, no! Quite the reverse. rrect conclusion that the in-Romavne must have been ccepted after he had left the ring Romayne and Stella together, ofessed in so many words. If he only remained in the gallery he at have become acquainted with the A persuasion used to induce a unsocial as Romayne to accept " he thought, bitterly, "for be-

inything wrong with the coffee? Notman asked, anxiously. mashed on to his fate. He said: Hing whatever. Pray go on."

lly particular about the dinner occasion. She said: 'Lord Lortle eater, and yet very difficult consulted my experience, and

I wish to do her ladyship the ustice. She made no objec-

she complimented me on was pleased to call my ready But when we came next to in which the dishes were to

mistake. He took a mean

rval of silence.

"She is my lady's intimate friend; we forget." have often talked of Miss Eyrecourt trast to the tone she took, Father, when we came to the order of the dishes. We agreed, of course, about the soup and the fish, but we bad a little, a very little divergence of opinion, as I may call it, on the subject of the dishes to follow. Her ladyship said, 'First the sweetbreads and then the cutlets.' I rentured to suggest that the sweet-

with Miss Evrecourt?"

breads, as white meat, had better not immediately follow the turbot, as white fish. 'The brown meat, my lady,' I said, 'as an agreeable variety presented to the eye, and then the white meat, recalling pleasant remembrances of the white fish.' You see the point, Father?"

consummate mistress of an art which is | you!" ignity. Any quite beyond poor me. Was Miss Eyrecourt present at the little discussion?" "Oh, no! Indeed I should have objected to her presence; I should have said she was a young lady out of her proper place." "Yes, yes; I understand. Is Miss

Eyrecourt an only child?" "An only child now. She had a siser, who is dead. "Sad for the father and mother, Miss

"Pardon me, sad for the mother, no doubt. The father died long since." "Ay! ay! A sweet woman, the mother? At least, I think I have heard nose first advances is present position.

Miss Notman shook her head. e of dignity was should wish to guard myself against She had a priest for speaking unjustly of any one," she said; book with the rev-'but when you talk of a 'sweet woman,' authograph inscribed you apply (as it seems to me) the domestic virtues. Mrs. Evrecourt is essentially a frivolous person."

A frivolous person is, in the vast majority of cases, a person easily persuaded to talk, and not disposed to be reticent in keeping secrets. Father Benwell began to see his way already to the necessary information.

"Is Mrs. Eyrecourt living in Lon-"Oh, dear, no! At this time of year

she lives entirely in other people's the park?" he inquired. houses-goes from one country seat to of opposition-well, well! I won't dwell lery occasionally to the public." on that. I will only ask you, Father, rally enjoy my duties," Miss at what part of a dinner an oyster-ome-

lette anglit to be served?" Father Benwell seized his opportunity ne to have done with them. of discovering Mrs. Eyrecourt's present is) to 'go with the times,' and follow address. "My dear lady," he said, "I know no more when the omelette ought acquainted with Miss Not- to be served than Mrs. Evrecourt her. racter, hearing those words, self! It must be very pleasant to a lady bat once changed the subject. of her way of thinking to enjoy the spoke of "her humble posi- beauties of nature inexpensively—as invariably referred to some seen in other people's houses, from the red to her dignity, and she point of view of a welcome guest. bly ready to state the griev- wonder whether she is staying at any

st, what the housekeeper's Ireland, for all I know," Miss Notman answered, with an unaffected ignorance which placed her good faith beyond id Miss Notman, modestly. doubt. "Consult your own taste, me time, I should feel it an Father. After eating jelly, cream and

we the benefit of your opin- | ice-pudding, could you even look at an and so like to know that you oyster-omelette without shuddering? together disapprove of my Would you believe it? Her ladyship nder some provocation. You proposed to serve the omelette with the cheese. Oysters, after sweets! I am e dinners falls on me. And, not (as yet) a married woman -" Father Benwell made a last desperate effort to pave the way for one more

question before he submitted to defeat. That must be your fault, my dear diener-party, Miss Not- lady!" he interposed, with his per-Miss Notman simpered. "You con-

fuse me, Father," she said, softly. "I speak from inward conviction, Miss Notman. To a looker-on, like myself, it is sad to see how many sweet women, who might be angels in the households of worthy men, prefer to lead a single life. The church, I know exalts the single life to the highest place. But even the church allows ex-

ceptions to its rule. Under this roof, for example, I think I see two exceptions. One of them my unfeigned respect" (he bowed to Miss Notman) "forbids me to indicate more particularly. The other seems, to my humble view, to be the young lady of whom we have fitation. "I have myself to been speaking. Is it not strange that Miss Eyrecourt has never been married?" The trap had been elaborately set;

Father Benwell had every reason to anticipate that Miss Notman would walk into it. The disconcerting houseproved unable to advance a step further. | ment, literally at an hour's notice. "I once made the same remark my-

self to Lady Loring," she said. Father Benwell's pulse began to, mured, in tones of the gentlest encour-

pursuing that subject, she said, 'reasons when he read these lines. "This sort me-and Mr. Penrose, I grieve to say, into which I am sure you will not ex- of caprice might be excusable in a saw that I suffered. You and I attribtrast to her tone when the omelette presented itself in the order of the dishes! of the sentence and shud- As I said just now, I am not a married with Seeliu's disappointment and Lady the private and poignant re- woman. But if I proposed to my hus- Loring's indignation prophetically prewhich the order of the band to give him an oyster omelette sent in his mind. There was, however, after his puddings and his pies, I should no help for it—he must accept his resime Father Benwell had dis- not be surprised if he said to me: 'My sponsibility, and be the bearer of the f Miss Notman's suscepti- senses? I reminded Lady Loring ip his own private inquiries | most respectfully that a cheese omelette my ignorance," he said; lowed the sweets. 'An oyster omelette,' or dinner is a matter of I suggested, 'surely comes after the and one dish. I don't un- | birds?' I should be sorry to say that difference of opinion on a her ladyship lost her temper-I will three people only. Lord only mention that I kept mine. Let

"A very charming person, Miss Not- cheese.' There was not only irritability, brings me here to disown it. I can man. I only speak as a stranger. You, there was contempt—oh, yes! contempt only explain my strange conduct by no doubt, are much better acquainted |-in her tone. Ont of respect for my- asking you to help me at the outset. "Much better, indeed, if I may pre- I can forgive; as a wounded gentle- to the day when the physicians the sons wives and children, all consume to say so," Miss Notman replied.

Miss Notman laid herself back in during the many years of my residence her easy-chair-she looked as if she had in this house. On such subjects her suffered martyrdom, and only regretted ladyship treats me quite on the footing having been obliged to mention it. of an humble friend. A complete con- Father Benwell surprised the wounded gentlewoman by rising to his feet. "You are not going away already,

> "Time flies fast in your society, dear Miss Notman. I have an engagement -and I em late for it already."

> The housekeeper smiled sadly. least let me hear that you don't disapprove of my conduct under trying circumstances," she said. Father Benwell took her hand.

"A true Christian only feels offense to pardou them," he remarked, in his priestly and paternal character. "You have shown me, Miss Notman, that you are a true Christian. My evening has "I see, Miss Notman, that you are a indeed been well spent. God bless

> He pressed her hand; he shed on her the light of his fatherly smile; he sighed and took his leave. Miss Notman's eyes followed him out with devotional admiration. .

screnity of temper when he was out of the housekeeper's sight. One important discovery he had made, in spite of the difficulties placed in his way. A compromising circumstance had unquestionably occurred in Stella's past life; and a man was, beyond all doubt, in some way connected with it. "My evening has not Leen entirely thrown away," he thought, as he ascended the stairs which led from the housekeeper's room to the hall.

servants appeared to recognize the authorities who really understood my tival, all the members of the household knock-the porter admitted Lord Lor-

Father Benwell advanced and made his bow. It was a perfect obeisance of its kind-respect for Lord Loring, unobtrusively accompanied by respect for

"Has your lordsbip been walking in "I have been out on business," Lord

another, and only thinks of amusing | Loring answered, "and I should like to was quite willing to admit that the by the lower castes if they can procure herself. No domestic qualities, Father. tell you about it. If you can spare me scate of your nervous system might be She would know nothing of the order of a few minutes come into the library. the dishes! Lady Loring, I should have Some time since," he resumed, when the told you, gave way in the matter of the door was closed, "I think I mentioned sweetbread. It was only at quite the that my friends had been speaking to latter part of my 'menoo," as the me on a subject of some importance— French call it, that she showed a spirit the subject of opening my picture-gal-

"I remember," said Father Benyell. "Has your lordship decided what to

"Yes. I have decided (as the phrase the example of other owners of picture of the morbid state of your mill at the galleries. Don't suppose I ever doubted time when you really heard the Soice on that it is my duty to extend, to the best the scene of the duel. The influence of my ability, the civilizing influences acts physically, of course, by means of of art. My only hesitation in the mat- certain nerves. But it is essentially ter arose from a dread of some accident | a moral influence; and its powers over happening, or some injury being done to the pictures. Even now, I can only persuade myself to try the experiment

"A wise decision undoubtedly," said Father Benwell. "In such a city as lery to everybody who happens to pass quired, "do you remember his answer? the house-door."

"I am glad you agree with me, Father. The gallery will be opened for the first time on Monday. Any respectably dressed person presenting a visiting card at the offices of the librarians in what he meant, the occurrence of some Bond street and Regent street, will re- new and absorbing interest in your life, say, being limited, and the gallery being only opened to the public two days you by a person previously unanown, in the week. You will be here, I suppose, on Monday?"

"Certainly. My work in the library, as your lordship can see, has only be-

of the experiment," said Lord Loring. "Do look in at the gallers, once or twice in the course of the day, and tell me what your own impression is."

Having expressed his readiness to ble way. Father Benwell still lingered | fluence of some other person's look.' in the library. He was secretly conscious of a hope that he might, at the Romayne at the dinner table. Lord Loring only looked at the clock on the mantelpiece; it was nearly time to dress for dinner. The priest had no alternative but to take the hint, and leave the

Five minutes after he had withdrawn messenger delivered a letter-for Lord Loring, in which Father Benwell's interests were directly involved. The letkeeper walked up to it-and then his excuses for breaking his engage-

"Only yesterday," he wrote, "I had nearer the hour of your dinner ap- morning, and that I had come to see the same thing many happen in your change would relieve me. While I was

woman," he thought. "A man ought uted the remission to the change of will my wife say?"

He walked up and down the library,

Romavne himself.

"Have I arrived before my letter?" he asked, eagerly. Lord Loring showed him the letter.

"Throw it into the fire," he said; oring, two; Mr. Romayne, me repeat what she said, and leave you, "and let me try to excuse myself for perhaps I am mistaken? Father, to draw your own conclusions. having written it. You remember the s Eyrecourt makes a She said: 'Which of us is mistress in happier days when you used to call me this house, Miss Notman? I order the the creature of impulse? An impulse oyster omelette to come in with the produced that letter. Another impulse

self, I made no reply. As a Christian, Will you carry your memory back woman, I may not find it so easy to consulted on my case? I want you to correct me if I inadvertently misrepresent their opinions. Two of them were physicians. The third and last was a surgeon, a personal friend of yours; and he, as well as I recollect,

> "Quite right Romavne-so far." "The first of the two physicans," Romayne proceeded, "declared my case to be entirely attributable to nervous derangement, and to be curable by death permitted until the head of the purely medical means. He proposed, first of all, to restore 'the tone of my stomach,' and this done, to administer certain medicines, having a direct influence on the brain and the nervous system. I speak ignorantly, but, in plain English, that I believe was the substance of what he said:

told you how the consultation ended?"

"The substance of what he said." Lord Loring replied, "and the substance of his prescriptions-which I think, you afterward tore up?"

"If you have no faith in a prescrip tion," said Romayne, "that is, in my opinion, the best use to which you can put it. When it came to the turn of of Hindoo households. Festival days the second physician he differed with the first as absolutely as one man can Father Benwell still preserved his differ with an ther. The third medical authority, your friend the surgeon, took a medical course, and brought the consultation to an end by combining the first physician's view and the second physician's view and mingling the two opposite forms of treatment in one harmonious result?"

Lord Loring remarked that this was ot a very respectful way of describing the conclusion of the medical proceedings. That it was the conclusion, however, he could not honestly deny.

"As long as I am right," said Romayne, "nothing else appears to be CHAPTER VII. -THE INFLUENCE OF STELLA. of much importance. As I told you at heard a knock at the house-door. The to me to be the only one of the three few words, your own impression of

"On the contrary, you may help me

ing, "the doctor did not deny the inone among other predisposing causes which led you-1 really scarcely like to

"Which led me," Romayne continued finishing the sentence for his friend, " to feel that I never shall forgive myself-accident or no accident-for having taken that man's life. Now go

the doctor's opinion, the moral result you is greatly maintained by the selfaccusing view of the circumstances which you persist in taking. That, in substance, is my recollection of what

the doctor said." "And when he was asked what reme The mischief which moral influences have caused, mortal influences alone

"I remember, said Lord Loring. "And he mentioned, as examples of or the working of some complete change in your habits of thought-or perhaps some influence exercised over appearing under unforseen circumstances, or in scenes quite new to you." Romayne's eyes sparkled.

"Now you are coming to it!" he 'If Mr. Romayne follows my advice. 1 should not be surprised to hear that the recovery which we all wish to see had found its beginning in such apparently trifling circumstances as the tone

assist "the experiment" in every possi- of some other person's voice, or the in-That plain expression of his opinion only occurred to my memory after I eleventh hour, be invited to join had written my foolish letter of excuse. I spare you the course of other recollections that followed to come at once to the result. For the first time I have the which haunts me has been once already controlled by one of the influences of which the doctor spoke-the influences

If he had said this to Lady Loring, instead of her husband, she would have understood him at once. Lord Loring

asked for a word more of explanation. "I told you vesterday," Romayne answered, "that a dread of the return of in the gallery I was free from the Fren good-natured Lord Loring felt dread and free from the voice. When fancies. Morbid fancies are realities to time?"

Lord Loring glanced once more at the clock on the mantelpiece. The hands pointed to the dinner hour. "Miss Eyrecourt?" he whispered. "Yes-Miss Eyrecourt." The library door was thrown open by

a servant. Stella herself entered the (To be Continued.)

TALES OF A TRAVELER. A notable feature in the domestic

Pearl Fishing on the Banks of Ceylon-Mile life of the Hindoos is the concentration gregate together under the one roof. That roof is enlarged to meet the enlarged requirements, but the establishment of separate homesteads appears to be opposed to national instincts, customs, and religion. In the town or in the country the senior of the family is the common father of all its members, native princes of India. and in this respect there has probably been little change for some thousands of years. No legal act is signed, no imconnection formed, no family ceremony

family has been consulted in the first instance. Nor is this an idle ceremony. His voice is supreme, and all the members of the household so regard it. In the daily distribution of food the younger members of the family are helped first, and the mistress of the household seldom attends to the other matters until the important portion of the day's duty is complete. On occasions of festivity the male hear

household and his mistress are enjoined both by social law and practice, to fast until the last guest has been served Even then the mistress will not take eating; but this is a practice of selfdenial familiar to the female members are very numerous in India, and well constituted families pride themselves on a rigid attention to punctilious observances during such times. The mistress of the family is usually content with the food left by the male

members of the household. It is unusual for any particular food to be prepared for her, especially when in good health. The thought of her being the head of the household is supposed to be sufficient to make her despise all deprivations. She does not seek personal comfort. She would have all the members of the household live happily and contented together. Brothers and and slaves are treated alike with consideration by the intelligent and de-

voted head of the family. There is a certain simplicity in the Entering the hall, Father Benwell the time, the second physician appeared | domestic line of the well-regulated | Hindoo household that is very charmdomestic life of the well-regulated ing. For instance, at a feast or fescase. Do you mind giving me, in a consider themselves bound in honor to attend chiefly to the comfort and enjoyment of the guests. They never think of their own wants in comparison. It is only when the guests have been abundantly supplied and attended to that they think of themselves. Among the higher castes the food consists pleted, we returned to our anchorage. I pulse, clarified butter or ghee, milk and sweets. Fish and meats, particularly fluence of the body over the mind. He mutton and fowls, are not objected to them, but beef is an abomination as coming from a sacred animal, and pork is abhorred as vile, and as containing the germs of disease. Only outcast Hindoos partake of these last. Like the Buddhists, the higher castes of Hindoos

> of pain, against the taking of life. They hold every living animal as sacred as a human being; in Bengal, an article of diet by a smally used as tradiction to their religious tenets. Nor does this abstinence from animal food impair the physical strength or warlike vigor of the best classes of Upper India. The Mahratta cavalry have been praised for endurance and courage by all writers and the Gurkas and Tilingas are admitted to make first-rate soldiers .wirv, obedient to discipline, ready to endure fatigue and hardship, and by no

means deficient in energy and courage. The household expenses are usually defrayed by the senior member or head of the family, who is supplied with funds by all the residents in the household possessed of separate incomes. It is not usual for any interference to be caused by the other members as to the details of the daily expenditure, nor is any attempt usually made to apportion those expenses ratably. The whole is done in a spirit of mutual conciliation and family affection; nor are quarrels as to the gature of the provisions supplied matters of frequent occurrence. Living under the same roof and partaking of the same food constitute the chief ingredients of domestic concord and amity among the Hindoos. Their very exclusive and prevents much indiscriminate entertainment. In many same reverence for the family homestead, the same comparative freedom of women in the management of the households, and the same embodiment of mythological legends in the ancient history of the country. In culture and civilization the Bengalis are the Athe-

The Great Bamboo of Japan. In a paper recently read before the Horticultural Society of Victoria, Mr. the Japanese gigantic bamboo, now "Adapanaar" showed me his boat; we a bride on her return home from charengrowing in the society's gardens in Melbourne, says: "It is cultivated in volcanic chocolate soil-not in wet situations, but where there is a moderate amount of moisture. In early spring the hemboo throws up large offsets, or suckers, around the parent plant; these ter, and are removed when about 12 inches above the ground, leaving three or four to mature, which apparently mature during the summer, or in about six months, and attain a height in one summer of from 40 feet to 80 feet, according to soil and situation. The groves consist of several hundred bamboos, planted about 12 feet apart, kept free from weed and undergrowth of call the delusion of the voice. The the voice had been present to me all the every kind. The bawboos produce made rapid way. The large yellow and similar luck was derived from the told him what I knew about the poison dense shade; a bamboo grove is one of the coolest retreats in summer; the shade and shelter produced contribute in a bamboo rarely seeds, and the few seeds go on. 'There are reasons for not some difficulty in pitying and forgiving I returned to the hotel, it tortured to germinate; the propagation is by the with roots; the young offset taken in at the mast head of the Desolator. We spring invariably withers and dies. were close to the banks, and I went on pect me to enter.' She spoke with a flattering confidence in my prudence flattering confidence in my prudence sharp the The young offsets removed to strengthen board the frigate. The sun rose bright mattering confidence in my pludence which I felt gratefully. Such a conseeing you and Lady Loring 1 saw the two eldest friends I have. In visiting your gallery I only revived the familiar associations of hundreds of other visits.

| The offsets at the same tender age and ropes. | The divers in each common tensor associations of hundreds of other visits. (when about 6 inches or 12 inches The union jack fluttered in the breeze, To what influence was I really indebted through the ground) are also sliced and just as it touched the mast-head appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured and just as it touched the mast-head appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured and just as it touched the mast-head appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearance of the mare he rode, asked inhabiting Central Ceylon, measured appearanc for my respite? Don't try to dismiss preserved with ginger, and form the one thousand divers plunged silently his Arab servant if he was sure she got only 960 centimeters. The largest average one thousand divers plunged silently his Arab servant if he was sure she got only 960 centimeters. the question by laughing at my morbid commercial preserve 'chow-chow.' When into the sea. I shall not easily forget her allowance. the bamboos are matured, they are cut the sensation I experienced when I saw "Oh, yes," he replied, "my countrynear to the ground, and used for scafthat crowd of human beings sink, as by men often steal from one another and headed people on the west coast of thetic, and when I came to talk to her dear, have you taken leave of your senses? I reminded Lady Loring most respectfully that a cheese omelette might be in its proper place if it followed the expects. An overtex complete. The might be might be expected the expects. An overtex complete. The mark the expects of the expects of the expects of the expects. The man like me. Remember the doctor's fold poles, fences, guttering for houses, fold poles, fences, guttering for houses. The fold poles, fences, guttering for houses, fold p Australian mountain sides, and in any and a-half—two minutes; still not a exactly. The mare never cats the peb-skull, of lower grades, measures 1,542; afford to make a mistake and be placed and a-half—two minutes; still not a exactly. The mare never cats the peb-skull, of lower grades, measures 1,542; afford to make a mistake and be placed and a-half—two minutes; still not a exactly. valleys where ordinary shelter and rich, deep soil can be procured, and will stand fourteen degrees of frost." This the "Adapanaar" in an agony of anxiety, publies with it. If I find the publics Egyptian, 1,464; the Hindoo, 1,306. plant appears to be well adapted for but he was calmly smoking his cheroot! short in the morning, I have hard

> Married women nowadays make love -then five hundred and more ascend to to their husbands in a roundabout way. the surface, bubbling and spluttering. They usually say: "Just to think how and then the bustle and excitement be I hated you when I first met you!"

cultivation in the United States.

Ceylon has for centuries been famed for the richness and value of its pearls. Its oyster banks are said to have furnished those with which the voluptuous Cleopatra quaffed in her wine to the health of Marc Antony. The "barba-

On the 29th of February, 1858, I arrived in the bay of Condahetry, an invited guest on board her Britannic majesty's frigate Desolator. The inspector of the pearl banks was also on board, with his own boat and crew; his cutter was fitted up very comfortably with awnings and cushions, precautions I soon found highly necessary on such service. Early the next morning I torre, a small village. It was a miserable place, consisting of but a single row of mud huts standing on hot and dusty solitude, with a few lonely,

ess sand-plains, save the distant white walls of "Doric," a lofty government building, which glistens so brilliantly in the rays of the morning sun as to make one's eyes blink again. For miles around lay countless heaps of snowy byster shells bleached by the storms f many monsoons. Ridge over ridge, neap upon heap, they seemed to have no end; and one might well have imagined that, in long years past, some conflicting armies of oysters had met to do battle on those sea-washed sands. and left their many hecatombs of slain unburied on those wastes.

There were a few dirty women thin-faced children on the beach, whose curiosity had for the moment overcome their sloth. Farther on, under three palm trees, stood the "Adapannar," or headman of the district, a fine-looking, grey-headed old man, attended by his deputy and a few seedy-looking folnext morning we stood out for the oysplacing buoys, with little red and blue join my ship. flags attached, on the edges of those beds which were to be "poked." The Supers weather was oppressively hot; the sky was without a cloud to break the intensity of the sun's rays; the sea breeze blew faintly and fitfully, scarcely rippling the surface of the water, which seemed as though it was a sea of molten metal. The work of marking compantomimic change which had come over the dull mud village and dusty had, with his wand, transformed all those piles of shells into living masses of dusky human beings. The very sands of the plain seemed to be redolent of life. The miserable row of low. dirty huts had either been leveled to the ground or were hidden from sight by numberless gaily-colored booths of the pale green leaves of the palmyra and cocoa-palm. There were thousands

of natives flocking to the beach. Our anchorage was opposite a flagstaff, and about us lay fully the After surdown I went ashore. It seemed incredible that the gay place I then beheld could have been the same that not many days since I had left so silent and desolate. All these thousands were gathered to of which the anxious maiden pinned at

fishing about to take place. At one of the large arrack-booths a crowd of boatmen were assembled listening to the harangue from the tall, The divers are so "shark charmer." persuaded of his mystic power over the monsters of the deep that nothing out his presence. This "charmer" stood over six feet high, a dark, long-haired Brahmin, with bright, cat-like eyes and heavy eye brows, the brawny neck

and arms ornamented with strings of The day before the fishing the Desolator once more stood for the bunks, with every stitch of canvas set, having on board the inspector and government pany the fleet, with the old "Adanight was pitchy dark; a large bonfire The "shark-charmer" stood on the sumshot past him he appeared to be shine on the bride and it is deemed abclothed in flame.

the dancing, singing and ceased: the boatmen and divers rushed to their places in the boats. More than | brid four thousand human beings were eral on going to er coming from church, packed into those frail boats. The as it is death to one of In Sussex seated ourselves, and he gave orders to is often robbed of all the pins about make all ready. Then arose a low, in- her dress by the single women present. distinct murmur, which gradually from a belief that whoever possesses thunder, the echo of thousands of voices. The boatmen rose upon their benches, flung high their arms, and rolled their mean? drunk with arrack. The "Adapanaar" rockets shot into the air, and away went the two hundred boats in gallant style. ling with the breeze and lit up by the stitious notion in some places that when they were a part of huge winged crea- right her bridesmaids should lay her tures of the deep hastening to their sea stockings across, as this act is supposed per's Young People. homes far away. It was still dark, and, to guarantee her future prosperity in soul rose to the surface! Two minutes bles, and if any one steals from the the Japanese, 1,486; the Chinese, 1,424; in a box."—Free Press. and a-quarter had flown! I turned to barley, he is sure to take two or three the modern Italian, 1,475; the ancient

gan. The beatman helped to pull

the nets full of oysters; the divers climbed into their boats to see their fish

ing, the old "shark charmer" stood in prayer or charm, flourishing his long It is practically no further from Belgra- put up as sardines in tin boxes made startled by hearing a shricking and ric rearl" was ever a favorite ornament | a howling in one of the boats, followed among the Greek and Roman ladies; by a terrible commotion, and loud cries to the passengers of from eight shillings second class to twelve shillings. mediately pulled to the scene of com- first class. A business man may leave trance, but the rule is not enforced. motion, and there, sure enough, one of his office in the city at a late hour in Herring are brought in from the bay in work. A diver was being pulled into a and a walk on the pier, or a drive along boat, lacerated and bleeding profusely, the water around being deeply tinged with blood. One leg was nearly severed from his body, and the pain caused him to faint away. The alarm went round from boat to boat, and very soon the crews were pulling for shore. The inspector sent for the old shark charmer and asked him how he dared to permit a shark to injure a diver in the employ of the British government? The old rascal replied that while he was taking some refreshment one of the evil spirit

ized by a gun; thousands were again on the beach awaiting our return, anxious to hear of our success. As we drew near a long, wild shout rent the air. The next morning the oyster auction

began. There were many wealthy traders there from all parts of India; some returned home rich beyond their expectations, but many went back ruined beggared and broken-hearted. The natives of India have a singular belief with regard to the origin of pearls.

It is that those beautiful concretions are congealed dewdrops, which Buddha, at certain months, showers upon earth, and are caught by the oysters while floating on the water to breathe. The priests, as is usual in all religious

systems, ever alive to their own interests, keep up the strange belief, and make what are termed "charity oysters," for the use of Buddha, who, when thus prolowers, armed to the teeth with paper plated, according to their showing, will umbrellas and painted sticks. The render the fish more rich in pearls in render the fish more rich in pearls in ter banks, near which the anchor was and last pearl-fishing excursion. Two South Downs. dropped, and for several days the days more and I was again on board the inspector and his men were occupied in Desolator, bounding over the waters to

No event in human life has, from the earliest times, been associated with a more extensive folk-lore than marriage. Beginning with love divinations these are of every conceivable kind, the anxious maiden apparently having left no stone unturned in her anxiety to ascertain her lot in the marriage state. Some above the root to ascertain the initials of her future husband's name. Again, nuts and apples are very favorite lovetests. The mode of procedure is for a girl to place on the bars of a grate a nut, repeating this incantation: If he loves me pop and fly;

Great is the dismay if the anxious face of the inquirer gradually perceives the nut, instead of making the hopedfor pop, die and make no sign. means of divination is to throw a ladybug into the air, repeating meanwhile

loved one resides it is regarded as a highly-favorable omen. Another species of love-divination once observed sisted in obtaining five bay leaves, four the four ocrners of her pillow, and the fifth in the middle. If she was fortunate enough to dream of her lover, it was a sure sign that he would be married to her in the course of the year. Friday has been held a good day of the week for love omens, and in Norfolk the following lines are repeated on three Friday nights successively, as on the last one it is believed that the young

lady will dream of her future husband "To-night, to-night, is Friday night, Lay me down in dirty white, Dream who my husband is to be; And lay my children by my side, If I'm to live to be his bride."

In selecting the time for the marriage ceremony precautions of every kind have generally been taken to avoid an ladies' bonnets. The flower-makers, unlucky month and day for the knot to being hard pressed for material, made Indeed, the old Roman no- use of dried grasses, seed-vessels, burs, agent. The boats with the divers tion that May marriages are unlucky and catkins: these were painted, dyed, were to leave at midnight. In order to survives to this day in England. June frosted and bronzed, to make them atsee as much as possible—and I gener- is a highly popular month. Friday, on tractive. I became greatly interested ally manage to see all that is going on account of its being regarded as an in | in the business and the ingenuity diswhen traveling-I remained to accom- auspicious and evil day for the com- played, and spent much time examining mencement of any kind of enterprise, panaar," in his ten-oared cutter. The is generally avoided, few brides being one occasion, when standing before a found bold enough to run the risk of incurring bad luck from being married trees and temples, in one lurid blaze. on a day of ill-omen. In days gone by on discovering that an immense wreath Sunday appears to have been a popular of gravish berries, which constituted mit of a pile of oyster shells gesticulat- day for marriages. It is above all the inside trimming of a bonnet, was ing wildly, and as the glare of the fire things necessary that the sun should composed entirely of the berries of the solutely necessary by very many that bronze, or other material coating them. The appointed time for sailing grew she shoul I weep on her wedding day, if The bonnet, when worn, would bring sent forth a few thunder- it he only a few tears, the omission of act being considered ominous the entire mass of villainous berries on pre happiness. It is, too, the top and sides of the head, and a few ill-luck for either the of the sprays about the ears and on the degroom to meet a fun- forehead. if she knew that the bonnet was trimmed swelled into something like hollow one of them will be married in the was mistaker course of a year and evil fortune will those flowers fr bride who keeps even one pin used in be a mistake somewhere, for those shining eyes. What could all this the marriage toilet. "Flinging the the berries of the poison-sumac, which Was it a mutiny? No; the stocking" was an old marriage custom | does not grow in Europe." She gave me "shark-charmer" was missing and not a in England. The young men took the one angry look, asked me to please attend boat would put to sea. A detachment bride's stockings and the girls those of to my own business, and swept away from of Malay riflemen were dispatched ir the bridegroom, each of whom, sitting at me to the other end of the store. A search of the holy truent, who soon the foot of the bed, threw the stock- few days after this I read in the dail brought in the charmer, staggering ing over their heads, endeavoring to papers an account of the poisoning of a make it fall upon that of the bride or number of small girls employed in a gave the final signal; half a dozen her spouse; if the bridegroom's stock- French artificial flower manufactory in ing, thrown by the girls, fell upon the Green street. I at once guessed the bridegroom's head it was a sign that cause. I visited the factory mentioned, The land breeze was fresh, and our fleet they themselves would soon be marrieds introduced myself to the proprietor masts, pointed high in air, with their falling of the bride's stockings, thrown berries-and was rudely requested to beautifully white transparent sails fil- by the young men. There is a super- make myself scarce. After these two adventures I made up my mind to keep my botanical knowledge (poisonous though it might be) to myself .- Har-

East, not being quite satisfied with the individual of the nearly extinct people

age capacity of any human head he has found belongs to a race of long, flat-

How my heart beat when I first saw a words, and they cannot tell how I know, dozen heads and shoulders-then fifty and so they give up cheating her." We judge ourselves by met we feel they make on the old man's pocketby judge us is most decidedly felt. Roberter

The "biggest thing" in English watering-places is Brighton, which is some nutmegs, Maine must be the land of times called London-by-the-Sea, and herring sardines. There are said to be which in size and solidity corresponds twenty-two establishments on the Wash the stern of his boat in the center of with the great metropolis, and is a ington county coast, whereof two-thirds worthy and appropriate "annex" to it. are in Eastport, in which herring are via than Coney Island is from Madison here in imitation of those used by the Square. The fast trains whirl down to French, bearing French labels, preit in little more than an hour, at a cost served in cotton-seed oil which is aslings, second class, to twelve shillings, those monsters of the deep had been at the afternoon, and have time for dinner large quantities, and are unloaded at the King's Road before dark. It is London repeated on a small scale, without the smoke and the slums, and with a purer | rough tables, where a gang of boys and atmosphere, though with scarcely less of a crowd. The shops are London ing for them, each armed with a knife. shops, the actors at the theater belong o Lundon companies, the faces and dresses have become familiar to the Strand or Piccadilly, and the Cockney diatect, with its soft drawl and misused aspirates, is heard oftener than any tail other. Like London, too, its social cut.

affiliating; and while in one quarter parts of the herring at a single estabcoronets are no rarity, and a prince leads society, in another the excursionist of a day, or the tradesman spending a pressed for their oil, and the refuse is two weeks' holiday, smokes his briar or sold for manufacture into dressing for cutty and eats his shrimps without feel- soil. It is not yet possible to manufacing the depravity, and without realizing | ture clive oil and anchovy paste out of that Brighton was not made especially the heads of the herring. The bodies for the delectation of his own class.

But though practically incorporated upon wire racks, baked in a great oven, with it, Brighton is fifty miles away packed in tin boxes by girls, covered from the city, and lying between the with cotton-seed cil, the boxes are soltwo are undulating English landscapes, dered, heated again in the oil and finalwith many shady lanes and ancient villages, through which the train flies The process need not be described at when it is once beyond the spacious great length. It does not appear to be limits of London. Under the Box Hill a very cleanly process, but very likely Tunnel, which is the scene of a story by it is as much so as that of putting up Charles Reade, and has often done ser- veritable sardines. The larger fish are vice in fiction; over the lofty spans of the Seven Bridges, through deep and "sea trout." Still other herrings are it a pretext for exacting from the divers friable cuttings of chalk and limestone dubbed "eagle fish." And, finally, there -this is the way to London-by-the-Sea; is a process of putting up the fish in a and as we come nearer to it the land is spiced preparation which gives them hillier, the foliage less abundant, and the name of "mustard sardines."-Bos future seasons. Thus ended my first the nutritous grasses of the breezy

> It is to be remembered that, with the exception of the crescents and squares and intersecting streets, there is no break in the three miles of buildings which abut on the sea; the houses, shops, baths and hotels are set together without any unoccupied lots between them. But to fully comprehend the extent of Brighton, one should go out on the pier, and then the place may be seen in its complex and substantial entirety. Compared to it, the most crowded American watering-place-Cois nothing more than a camp. It is house, and their tapping against the veritably, and not in any fancifulness window-pane. Among the death-preof nomenclature, a city by the sea - a saging birds may be mentioned the city modeled on London, and having raven, the crow and the swallow. The

the structural permanency of the metropolis. It is not built on the banks of a river, nor at the hea: of a gulf, nor in If an apple or pear tree blooms twice a the shelter of a bay. It is immediately on the coast; the chalk cliffs, with their grassy summits, are at either side of it, and the water is never more than a few yards from the esplanade. The selidity buildings, and the heights covered with houses, are things which must excite the wonder of any one who sees them for the fishermen, and the coa-t-guard.

Though the fashionable season does not in October, the excursionists crowd it from the early summer until late in the climate is most salubrious-warm, elastic and bracing. An east wind keeps year, and the place is then deserted except by a mere handful of people—about one hundred and four thousand who constitute the resident population.

Stepping into the store, I

hs known in the United

g at me in a sort of

practice corresponding with the High-The Poison Sumac. land usage of making "the deazil," This sumac is terrible in its effects, walking three times round a person according to the course of the sun. often causing temporary blindness. Years ago it became the fashion to wear immense wreaths and bunches of arti-The smartest Texan, and in fact, the ficial flowers inside and outside of smartest farmer I ever met, is old Sam west of Waxahatchie, in Central Texas. After Mr. Graves had shown me his cattle and cotton. he took me over to see pointed out a ten-acre f rest. the contents of milliners' windows. On "What of it? Why them's black walnuts, sir. Ten acres of 'em. Planted 'em myself, ten years ago. See they Fourteenth street, I was horror-stricken are ten inches through. Good trees, And sure enough there was ten acres poison-sumac, just as they had been gathered, not a particle of varnish,

of hand planted walnut trees. They stood about 200 feet apart, 200 to the acre-in all 3,000 trees. "Well how did you get your money back?" I asked. "Black walnuts are worth \$2.50 bushel, ain't they?" I'll get 400 bushel this year. That's \$1,000. A hundred

dollars a year is good rent for land worth \$15 an acre, ain't it?" "Well, what else?" I inquired growing interested. The trees," continued Mr. Graves. are growing an inch a year. When they are 20 years old they will be nineteen inches through. A black walnut tree nineteen inches through is worth My 2,000 trees 10 years from now orth \$30,000. If I don't want I can cut half of them,

"Say, I'll tell you something if you on't blow it," was the way one man

aluted another. "All right-go ahead." "You won't give it away until I say

"Well, my wife has got to be an ses-

"Sure's you're born. I have suspected that she was working that way for some time past, but it's only within a day or two that I became positive." "Well, that's wonderful. Say, how The researches of Professor Flower, the well-known English anatomist, show | does she act?"

"Don't build hopes too fast. Be sure you are right a d then go ahead. I labored for a whole year under the delusion that my wife was developing as an æs-

As the James broth ont in a card denyi

"Small bonnets are shown in felt," the stage near La savs a fashion exchange. Yes, and they are also shown and felt. The impression

Father!"